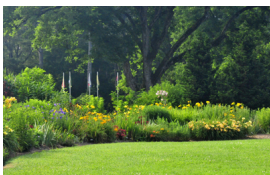


Located on sixteen serene acres at 2382 Pine Mountain Road, Smith-Gilbert Gardens is an oasis of art, history, and flora. Surrounding the Hiram Butler House (ca. 1882) are woodland paths threading through 3,000 species of plants. The house itself is on the National Register of Historic Homes. The gardens consist of an extensive collection of exotic and unusual plants in a naturalistic setting. Grassy meadows contain various sculptures as well as the exceptional Dale Gillett Rose Garden. Adjacent to a vegetable garden is an outstanding bonsai collection.

Although the Garden is home to many native species, it also features a number of plants from other countries that are very unusual in American gardens. Hints of Asian design principles can be found throughout the Gardens. Bird watchers and other lovers of wildlife will also appreciate the peace and sanctuary of the naturalistic woodland surroundings. Colorful koi can be seen swimming in the two water features. A shaded picnic area is located near a Tea House where one can sit and listen to the sound of a waterfall while admiring the pastoral view. Many visitors come to simply relax or read a book on one of the many memorial benches scattered throughout the grounds.



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For those with green thumbs and strong backs, volunteer opportunities are available in several areas of the Garden including a volunteer-maintained vegetable garden, the Bonsai collection, the Rose Garden, and general maintenance activities. The Garden also has continuing needs for tour guides, office assistance, and any other tasks that come up on short notice.

The Gardens are now open (excepting major holidays) Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Smith-Gilbert is available for group tours, meetings and is able to accommodate groups up to 250 attendees with a particular focus on parties of 150 or less. Memberships are also now offered. For more information, call 770-919-0248.

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